



**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
11:00am, Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and  
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Present: Council members Carroll, Bogosian, and Cohen

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, Chief Oliverius, Chief Cornett

Also present: Jennifer Bihl

**2. Citizen's Comments -- none**

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2026**

**MOTION: Council Member Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026 meeting. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Old Business**

**A. Interviews for AI Signal Software Representatives**

Andy Gaskins and Jeromy Dickson from Cubic, Scott Perley, Mark Zelinski, Nader Ayoub, and Grace Scott from Iteris, and Reggie Chandra from Rhythm spoke about their respective companies and the capabilities of their hardware and software as it relates to traffic management. Committee members asked questions about the placement of the hardware, whether or not a SMA (signal management agreement) with SCDOT is needed to manage the software, and the fully-installed costs.

All three companies will provide details of the fully installed costs to the Committee.

**B. Discussion and consideration of AI Signal Software**

Administrator Kerr said Committee members could rank the RFP respondents, provide those scores to him, and they could discuss their decision at the June meeting. Installation would not be done until after the season, so there is no rush to get it done now.

Administrator Kerr reported that he spoke with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, who uses Rhythm, and who has two staff members on standby to provide as needed assistance and maintenance on the boxes used there.

Council Member Bogosian also asked to have Iteris and Cubic explain their algorithm optimizes traffic flow. Ms. Bihl will speak to the companies about this question and have them clarify their all-in pricing.

Ms. Bihl reported to the Committee that SCDOT started summer timings of the traffic light last month. An SCDOT consultant will conduct field observations and collect data on Memorial Day weekend. Following their data collection, they will provide recommendations regarding the timing at the light, and should changes need to be made, they will be in place prior to the July 4 weekend.

**C. Discussion and consideration of Incentive Program**

Chief Oliverius said he would note a maximum of 2 recipients for a Fire Investigation Technician certification and 1 person maximum for the Fire Safety Educator. These changes result in a \$900 increase in the incentive amount previously approved by City Council.

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve the changes to the Fire Department incentives as discussed and recommends them to City Council for approval. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**D. Discussion of overtime policy**

Council Member Bogosian said this is for discussion only. He does not want the Committee or Council to be setting overtime policy, but he does want it to be fair.

Chief Oliverius described the overtime policy and how it is applied in the department. He said he and his officers reviewed the policy in March and believes no modifications are needed at this time. Council Member Bogosian requested quarterly reviews of overtime allocations to be sure they are fairly distributed.

Chief Cornett also explained how overtime is allocated in the Police Department, noting that he tires to reduce its use as much as possible.

Council Member Bogosian requested a review of the partnership with Charleston County EMS at the next meeting.

**E. Discussion of signage related to golf carts and LSVs on Waterway Boulevard**

Administrator Kerr said there is plenty of time to order the appropriate signage as the Waterway Boulevard project will not be completed until mid-August.

After some discussion about enforceable wording, the Committee decided the signs should read “No Motorized Vehicles,” knowing that E-bikes fall into a gray enforcement area. Administrator Kerr said encroachment permits for the signage will be needed.

**F. Discussion of Public Safety-related matrix recommendations**

This item will be discussed at the June meeting.

5. **New Business**

A. **Consideration of intergovernmental agreement with Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch**

Chief Cornett said that the City cannot house its own 911 and must be part of this agreement. He expressed displeasure that the agreement allows Charleston County to increase its fee to the City with very little notice or explanation.

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve, and Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. **Consideration of Mutual Aid Agreement with Jamestown Police Department**

Chief Cornett said Jamestown reached out to the City offering help for Senior Skip Day. He does not see IOP Police responding to anything in Jamestown beyond what the State requires.

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve, and Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. **Consideration of purchase of new service for Records Management System**

Chief Cornett said the current RMS system used by the Police Department and the Court will no longer be acceptable for use by SLED and must be replaced. There is currently \$70,000 in the budget for a new RMS, and the first year of a contract with CivicEye, the cloud-based software being recommended by the Police Department and the Clerk of Court, will be \$55,548 in the first year.

In his memo to the City Administrator about the purchase, Chief Cornett explained, CivicEye is “offering a ‘risk free’ opportunity to start implementation before the budget is approved. In that agreement, they would begin implementation of the new cloud-based RMS, migration of data from our current RMS and training. They have stated that they understand that the budget has not been approved and that there is a chance that we would not move forward with their RMS.”

Administrator Kerr said, “Because it is an IT purchase, it is technically exempt from the competitive bidding process. It also, I think, is a potentially sole source product because it has unique characteristics that interface with the court system and responds to FOIA requests differently, which would be a benefit. Generally, we try to put these through a competitive process, and the Chief has done that and is coming back with a recommendation as you have kind of talked through of not going with the least expensive.”

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve the purchase as discussed and recommend it to the Ways & Means Committee for consideration. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 11am.

**7. Adjournment**

Council Member Bogosian made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk